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**From:** Barajas, Gayle [barajas.gayle@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 1/21/2021 2:55:01 PM  
**To:** Buhl, Rick [Buhl.Rick@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: ERG/DERG Mass Alert Notification Responses

Rick,

Regarding [Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)] response to the mass alert: She was on leave and thought she could respond when she returned to the office. She has been reminded that she needs to respond immediately. This was a misunderstanding [Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)] typically responsive.

Thanks  
GBB

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**From:** Barajas, Gayle  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 20, 2021 5:35 PM  
**To:** Buhl, Rick <Buhl.Rick@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: ERG/DERG Mass Alert Notification Responses

Rick,

Sent an email to the branch chiefs earlier on this and the following responses were provided:  
[Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)] ployee was on leave.  
[Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)] branch chief is awaiting data from section chief. (I will provide an update tomorrow.)

I asked the branch chiefs to ensure all personnel are aware of the importance of responding to these alerts whether on leave or not.

Thanks  
GBB

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**From:** Buhl, Rick <Buhl.Rick@epa.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 20, 2021 4:52 PM  
**To:** Barajas, Gayle <barajas.gayle@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: ERG/DERG Mass Alert Notification Responses

Gayle,

Can you please work with the branch chiefs to see why our staff did not respond to the MANS alert, and correct as necessary.

Thanks.

Rick

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**From:** Smidinger, Betsy <Smidinger.Betsy@epa.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 19, 2021 1:56 PM  
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**Subject:** ERG/DERG Mass Alert Notification Responses

Good afternoon – On 1/15/2021, a Region 8 Mass Alert Notification was sent to ERG/DERG members regarding raising the level threat to COGCON Level 3 for the Presidential Inauguration. After reviewing the report, it appears the following folks failed to respond to this notification:

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- **Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)**
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Please remind your staff that as members of Region 8's ERG/DERG it is very important to respond to all MANS messages not only for accountability but for responding in case of an emergency. Also, if your staff did not receive this notification please, let Tina Artemis know and she will help ensure all your contact information is correct within the system.

Thank you and we appreciate the dedication and service of your staff that are members of the ERG/DERG.

Betsy

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